



# Moorlands Primary School

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Dear Parent's and Carers,

We hope you and your families have had a lovely Summer break. Looking ahead to the new term we are excited for the return to school, where a greater level of normality and stability is, hopefully, expected.

New covid guidance for school's has been released over the summer holidays. Here is a summary of the guidance with an explanation of how it will work in school.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE?

Inform school immediately. The person testing positive should not attend school for 10 days and should isolate.

## CHANGES TO SELF ISOLATION AND CLOSE CONTACT TRACING

Following the changes to self-isolation on 16 August, students under the age of 18 years and 6 months are no longer required to self-isolate, even if they have been identified as a close contact of a positive case. Instead, parents are advised to book a PCR test.

Students can continue to attend school until the results of this test are known unless they have any symptoms of Covid-19. However, if your child is a close contact and has symptoms then they should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

## WHAT IS AN OUTBREAK?

All work on identifying close contacts will initially be done by Test and Trace, and the requirement of schools to contact trace has been removed. However, although self-isolation rules have changed, we may still be required to work with Public Health in terms of any outbreak identified.

An outbreak is defined as two or more linked cases in a setting. That means that it is likely someone in the setting has caught Covid-19 from someone else in the setting. When there are high rates of Covid-19 in the community, you may see a number of cases in the setting, without evidence that transmission has occurred within the setting. This is known as a cluster.

When there is an outbreak, it may be necessary to take extra steps to prevent the virus spreading further to prevent harm to the public's health.

Current Department for Education guidance states that extra action should only be considered when either of the below thresholds is met:

5 students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

10% of students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

If an outbreak is identified by Public Health, then please be aware that the school may need to take additional action, including potential short term year group / class closures. Our Covid-19 risk assessment will also be updated on our website prior to the return of students.

For students who are required to self-isolate our Home Learning will be available on Seesaw.



All information regarding returning to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September was sent out to parents in the final newsletter of the term. This information can also be found on our website.

Thank you for your continued support, we really look forward to welcoming your children back into school from the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

Kind regards

Mrs Denney

Headteacher